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For : A METHOD TO DETECT MUTATIONS IN A NUCLEIC ACID  
USING A HYBRIDIZATION-LIGATION PROCEDURE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Prior to examination, please make the following amendments to the  
above-identified application:

In the Specification

On page 1, line 5, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/100,707,  
filed June 19, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No.  
08/853,000, filed May 8, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,337,  
issued February 2, 1999, which claims priority of U.S. Serial No.  
08/409,644, filed March 24, 1995, now abandoned, the contents of  
which are hereby incorporated into this application by reference.